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QUALIFY ONLY POLITICALLY AFFILIATED STUDENTS -- Argentinisches Tageblatt,  
 No 19560, 14 Jul 50

According to the new basic regulations of the Ministry for Popular Education in Soviet Zone Germany, students wishing to enter universities or institutes of higher learning will have to show a certificate of clearance from an East German political party or mass organization in which they have membership. Applications will be screened by a board consisting of members of SED organizations.

FDJ MEMBERS WHO VISITED WEST BERLIN LOSE JOBS -- Argentinisches Tageblatt,  
 No 19544, 28 Jun 50

The Thuringen Association of the Free German Youth (FDJ) has made up a list of 300 FDJ members who visited West Berlin during the Whitsun rally. This list has been turned over to the Thuringen Ministry of the Interior with a request to fire immediately all who are publicly employed. The first dismissals have already taken place. Those FDJ members released from their jobs were told they could rehabilitate themselves politically by one year's work in the uranium mines.

SEND DERTINGER ON VACATION -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 191, 19 Jul 50

Berlin, 18 July -- The Eastern German Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports that its chief, Minister-Georg Dertinger, traveled to the USSR over the week end. He has gone to the Crimea for a rather long vacation, and it is not known when he will return. The decision to make the trip came so suddenly that Dertinger barely had time to say goodbye to his colleagues. His departure took place simultaneously with receipt of information that a Cominform-state mission to the Eastern German government demanded that Dertinger be replaced by a Communist loyal to the Cominform.

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RUMOR ACKERMANN TO BE NAMED NEW FOREIGN MINISTER -- Argentinisches Tageblatt, No 19566, 20 Jul 50

Informed circles in the East German Christian Democratic Union (CDU) do not expect Georg Dertinger, Soviet Zone Foreign Minister, to be reappointed. It is assumed that a proven Communist will head the Foreign Ministry after the fall elections in Soviet Zone Germany. Anton Ackermann, at present State Secretary of the Foreign Ministry, has been mentioned in this connection. Ackermann returned from the USSR after the war and is a member of the SED Central Secretariat.

ACKERMANN SAID TO BE COMINFORM COORDINATOR -- Morgon Tidningen, No 182, 10 Jul 50

Berlin, 9 July -- It is reported by the British-licensed newspaper, Die Welt, that Anton Ackermann, a member of the Eastern German SED Politburo, has been commissioned by the Cominform to coordinate Communist activity in Europe against the Western Powers.

Ackermann, who speaks Russian fluently, is reported to have representatives of the French and Italian Communist Parties under him in his Berlin headquarters.

The recently concluded "battle pact" between the Communist-directed French CGT and its counterpart in Eastern Germany was Ackermann's work; a similar pact is being drawn up with the Italian confederation of trade unions.

Ackermann organized the Communist underground activities against Hitler, fought in Spain, and served in the USSR during the war as a director of the Free German Radio. He is generally regarded as the driving force behind the scenes in the SED.

PEOPLE'S POLICE ARREST GERMAN RADAR SPECIALIST -- Argentinisches Tageblatt, No 19563, 17 Jul 50

East Berlin's People's Police recently arrested the German radar specialist and National Prize winner, Drescher (fnu), and Fraulein Dr Hertzmann, a vacuum tube specialist, on their way to work. Drescher was employed by the Oberspreewald Cable Plant in Berlin, which supplies power to the Soviet Occupation.

SED BLOCKS SALE OF NEW BROCKHAUS -- Argentinisches Tageblatt, No 19546, 30 Jun 46

The Cultural Division of the SED Central Secretariat has placed a ban on the sale of the newly revised Leipzig edition of the Brockhaus encyclopedia. Charges of antidemocratic propaganda were levelled at Dr Hochgesang, head of the Brockhaus publishing firm. The fact that the encyclopedia lists the old Polish borders is considered to be especially incriminating. Reference to the German territories beyond the Oder/Neisse Line as being under Polish administration is branded a "poison of criminal revenge." The "skimpy mention" of Friedrich Engels, Otto Grotewohl, and the present agricultural reform of Soviet Zone Germany is also attacked as "reactionary falsification."

PEOPLE'S POLICE REMOVE CHURCH PEACE MESSAGES -- Argentinisches Tageblatt, No 19543, 27 Jun 50

Within the last few days the People's Police removed all posters bearing the peace message of the All-German Synod of the Protestant Church from church doors, community halls, and parsonages in Brandenburg. In some localities posters displayed inside the churches were also removed. The Synod's peace message urged all Christians to pause for reflection.

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CONTRADICT POTATO BEETLE BATTLE REPORT -- Argentinisches Tageblatt, No 19560,  
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The anti-American potato beetle campaign of Gerhardt Eisler, Information Chief of Soviet Zone Germany, was contradicted by a Leipzig announcement. Eisler had claimed that the great number of potato beetles appearing in the western parts of Soviet Zone Germany were dropped by American planes. However, the Sachsen Land government announced that an alarmingly large number of potato beetles were found in the eastern part of Sachsen. The announcement which was published in Sachsen's official government bulletin, had to be withdrawn by order of the Berlin Information Office and the bulletins already printed had to be scrapped. By way of explanation, it was stated that the announcement of the Sachsen government deviated greatly from the presentation given by the East German Information Office.

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